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Attorney's Docket No. 1232-4494

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Seiya OHTA Group Art Unit: 2615  
Serial No : 09/211,132 Examiner: GENCO, B. C.  
Filed : December 14, 1998  
For : **OPTICAL EQUIPMENT AND ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.111**

**BOX NO FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner Of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for a two-month extension of time and the fees accompany this paper.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 11, 12, 20, 23, 24, 30, 36, 42, and 44 with the following:

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AT  
Unit

11. (Amended) A lens apparatus comprising:  
movable lens means for forming an objet image on a predetermined plane while moving along an optical axis;  
drive means for driving said movable lens means;  
connection means for detachably attaching an external device;  
detection means for detecting attachment/detachment of said external device between the lens apparatus and a camera unit;